



Georgia Board for Physician Workforce

State of Georgia

GEORGIA BOARD FOR PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE MEETING MINUTES

**Saturday, August 6, 2005
10:30 a.m.**

**Mercer University, Atlanta Campus
Atlanta, GA**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Rearick, D.O., MBA, Presiding Chair & Secretary/Treasurer; Robert B. Copeland, M.D.; J. Daniel Hanks, Jr., M.D.; Andrew P. Morley, Jr., M.D.; D. Wayne Martin, MBA; Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.; Martin Moran, M.D.; Joe Sam Robinson, Jr., M.D.; Robert Sasser, D.D.S.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ralph Austin, M.D., Vice Chair; Edward D. Conner, M.D.; Vickie Williams Morgan, M.D.; Reuben S. Roberts, Jr., M.D.

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan Dever, M.T., Ph.D., M.D. (Honorary), Health Services Analysis; Ann C. Jobe, M.D., Mercer University School of Medicine; Betsy Bates, Morehouse School of Medicine; Beverly Taylor, M.D.; Morehouse School of Medicine; Bob Addleton, Medical Association of Georgia; Dee Hanson, Mercer University; Detra Brown, Statewide AHEC Program Office; Fay Brown, Georgia Academy of Family Physicians; Frank R. Don Diego, M.D., Atlanta Medical Center; Fred Girton, M.D., Medical Center of Central Georgia; Gregory Strayhorn, M.D., Ph.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; James Zaidan, M.D., Emory University School of Medicine; Linda Womack, Emory University; Marcia Hutchinson, M.D., Medical Center of Central Georgia; Marilane Bond, EdD., MBA, Emory University School of Medicine; Marjorie M. Smith, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Martha Elks, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Terri Winston, Morehouse School of Medicine; Walter Moore, M.D., Medical College of Georgia

STAFF PRESENT

Ben Robinson, Cherri Tucker, Kelly McNamara, Peggy Shull

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CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Rearick called the Board Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES****ACTION**

On **MOTION (Morley / Sasser)**, the minutes from the April 23, 2005 meeting were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT**

Dr. Rearick read Mr. Chandler's letter to the Governor. Mr. Chandler accepted a position out of state and resigned from the Board effective June 30, 3005.

ACTION

On **MOTION (Hanks / Sasser)** staff will send a letter on behalf of the Board thanking Mr. Chandler for his service to the State. A copy of Dr. Moran's book will accompany the letter.

***Nomination of
Board Candidates***

Dr. Rearick informed the Board staff has been in touch with the Governor's Office of Executive Appointments regarding Board Appointments. To date, no word has been received as to any changes in Board membership.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS*****Physician Workforce
Committee***

Dr. Morley reported the Committee met earlier in the day and got its first look at the preliminary numbers from the 2004 licensure data. He also stated the Committee heard an overview from staff on the GME Exit Survey Results from June 2004. No action was taken during the Physician Workforce Committee.

***Medical Education
Advisory Committee***

Dr. Don Diego reported on the MEAC meeting held on Friday August 5, 2005. He stated the committee discussed several items:

- Status of the cultural competency study
- Identifying Quality Indicators
 - How to determine whether programs are producing quality physicians
 - What is already measured and evaluated through accreditation

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- Passage rates on step tests
 - ACGME core competencies
 - ACGME outcomes project
- The suggestion was made to have an information session at a future Board meeting to inform Board members about quality indicators already in place for medical schools and residency programs.

Dr. Don Diego finished his report by saying MEAC will meet more frequently to come up with a list of quality indicators to present to the Board.

ACTION

The Board agreed it would be beneficial to have an information session about accreditation standards/requirements and directed staff to work with MEAC to arrange the presentations.

***Budget & Contracts
Committee***

DISCUSSION

Dr. Rearick provided an overview of the Budget and Contracts meeting held prior to the Board Meeting. Due to the fact no additional Board Members joined the meeting since the committee meeting, Dr. Rearick chose not to review each individual budget proposal a second time. The Committee offered the following recommendations to the Board:

- FY2006 Amended Budget as approved by the Committee
- FY2007 100% Level Budget as approved by the Committee
- FY2007 98% Level Budget as approved by the Committee
- FY2007 104% Level Budget as approved by the Committee

ACTION

On **MOTION (Hanks / Sasser)**, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget requests as amended and recommended by the Budget and Contracts Committee.

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OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Rearick reported the contracts have been submitted to the Attorney General's office for review. To date we have not received any feedback from them regarding the contracts.

Due to the resignation of Mr. Chandler, Dr. Austin will become Chairman of the Board. Dr. Rearick appointed Dr. Hanks to Chair a nominating committee to recommend members for Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Robinson informed the Board staff requested the Attorney General's office review O.C.G.A. 31-7-95, the statute which provides funding for Residency Capitation, to determine if funding could be provided for residents in certain residency programs based on workforce needs as determined by the Board. As currently written, the statute requires funding of every resident in training at the designated teaching hospitals.

ACTION

On **MOTION (Copeland / Hanks)** the Board voted unanimously to have staff begin exploring revising the language to O.C.G.A. 31-7-95.

Mr. Robinson informed the Board that funding has been secured to support the Medical Spanish Initiative in the medical education system. Members of the staff and the Board have been meeting with representatives from the Governor's office to develop a medical Spanish training program in Georgia's medical schools and teaching hospitals. Intentions are to pilot certain proposed initiatives and build medical Spanish training capacity into the Georgia medical education systems over time. Staff will continue to work with the Governor's staff on this initiative.

Dr. Hanks informed the Board of an article in the Atlanta Business Chronicle concerning Senator Tom Price bringing attention to the skyrocketing cost of medical education. In the article, Senator Price quotes GBPW reports.

ACTION

On **MOTION (Hanks / Copeland)** the Board voted unanimously

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to send a letter on behalf of the Board to Senator Tom Price regarding the recent article in the “Atlanta Business Chronicle” concerning the rising cost of medical education and the debt incurred by medical students.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

ACTION

On **MOTION (Hanks / Sasser)**, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn

Respectively Submitted,

David A. Rearick, D.O., MBA
Secretary-Treasurer